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TITLE: SYSTEM FOR DYNAMIC PROCESS ASSIGNMENT IN A LOCAL AREA  
NETWORK AND METHOD THEREFOR

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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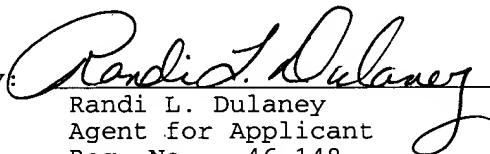
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Respectfully submitted,

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